

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 558

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Richard Hughes on his distinguished service to the State of Tennessee as the District Public Defender for the 10th Judicial District on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hughes, the retired District Public Defender for the 10th Judicial District, is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Cleveland, Mr. Hughes graduated from Cleveland High School, Mars Hills College, and the University of Memphis Law School, and he started at the 10th Judicial District Public Defender's office in 1989 as his first job out of college; and

WHEREAS, he went on to serve in the District Public Defender's Office dutifully, and he was thereafter the acting District Public Defender for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his field, Mr. Hughes was president of the Bradley County Bar Association and the Cleveland Kiwanis Club, and in addition to being a pioneer of his local drug court, he was on the Foster Care Review Board for the 10th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, he is most thankful for the love of his wife, Kelly, and his children, Jack Henry and Hallie; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hughes exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Richard Hughes demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Richard Hughes for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the District Public Defender for the 10th Judicial District and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.